

TO AMEND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT

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Mr. McKENZIE, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11445]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11445) to amend the national defense act, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendment:

Line 5, change the colon to a period and strike out all after the word "general" down to and including line 10.

When the reorganization of the Army was undertaken following the World War, Congress, after careful consideration, determined there should be created a Finance Department to have charge of all financial work in the War Department. A Chemical Warfare Service was also established as an independent bureau. Although the chiefs of the other bureaus were given rank of major general, the chiefs of the newly established Bureaus of Finance and Chemical Warfare were designated as brigadier generals.

Time and experience have demonstrated clearly the value of these two branches of the service, and your committee feel it is just and proper and in the best interest of the Military Establishment that the chiefs of these two bureaus be placed on an equality of rank with the chiefs of the other bureaus.

The Secretary of War stated to your committee that the Finance Bureau in particular has accomplished great results, and it is to this bureau that much of the credit for the successful financial system in use at the Budget Bureau is due.

The Secretary of War stated to your committee that he was in favor of the proposed legislation and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget advises that it is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.

TO AMEND THE ACT OF 1901

That the sum of \$100,000 be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act of 1901, and the same be paid out of the Treasury of the United States.

MR. McCLARY from the Committee on Education and Labor, reported

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR

The Committee on Education and Labor, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11117) to amend the act of 1901, and having considered the same report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

That the sum of \$100,000 be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act of 1901, and the same be paid out of the Treasury of the United States.

When the recommendation of the bill was made in the House, the bill was amended by striking out the words "and the same be paid out of the Treasury of the United States" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and the same be paid out of the Treasury of the United States."

The bill was then passed by the House.